

Second Conaces meeting in Acre

The second Meeting of the General Representation and the General Directorate with the Conaces was held in Rio Branco, on April 25th and 26th, and included the 7th and 17th Region, located in the state of Acre. The first meeting took place in Porto Velho in March.



With this meeting, the General Representation gives continuity to the support and strengthening of the Conaces, bodies of great importance within the Center for the fulfillment of the Directives and the fortification of the principles of the UDV in the Regions.

Prior to the Meeting, on April 25th, there was a Session of the Direction with the participation of the attendees and members of the RG and DG, in addition to the presence of Mestres, Raimundo Monteiro and Roberto Souto, from the Council of the Recordation of the Teachings of Mestre Gabriel and approximately 250 other leaders. The meeting was held on the 26th, with an administrative meeting in the morning and a session in the afternoon. Overall, 57 Mestres were present.

The Central Mestre of the 7th Region, Antonio Ferreira Gomes, summarized the meaning of this Meeting: "A very rich moment, with good orientations and teachings, the clearing up of doubts, directives for the Regions and observations with relation to the preparation of leaders, convocations, application of the Law and other important subjects of the Center."

General Directorate and Regional Secretaries unify procedure

On May 5th and 6th, a meeting of the General Secretariat and the Regional Secretaries from all Regions was held, having the Regional Triennial Report, Reuni and the Secretary Manual as the main points of the agenda.



Meeting of the General Secretariat and the Regional Secretaries from all the Regions

Preceded by two virtual meetings, the meeting aimed to integrate the Regional Secretaries with the work being done by the General Directorate, unifying procedures, exchanging experiences, clearing up any doubts and seeking the improvement of the activities related to this specific department.

The meeting included the presence of the General Representative Mestre, the President of the General Directorate and members of the General Representation, with participants from all the Regions, who highlighted the importance of the work by the Secretaries of the Center in general and also the good will and efficiency with which their work has been performed.

DG asks Receita Federal (Brazilian IRS) for regularization of shipments of Vegetal to Europe

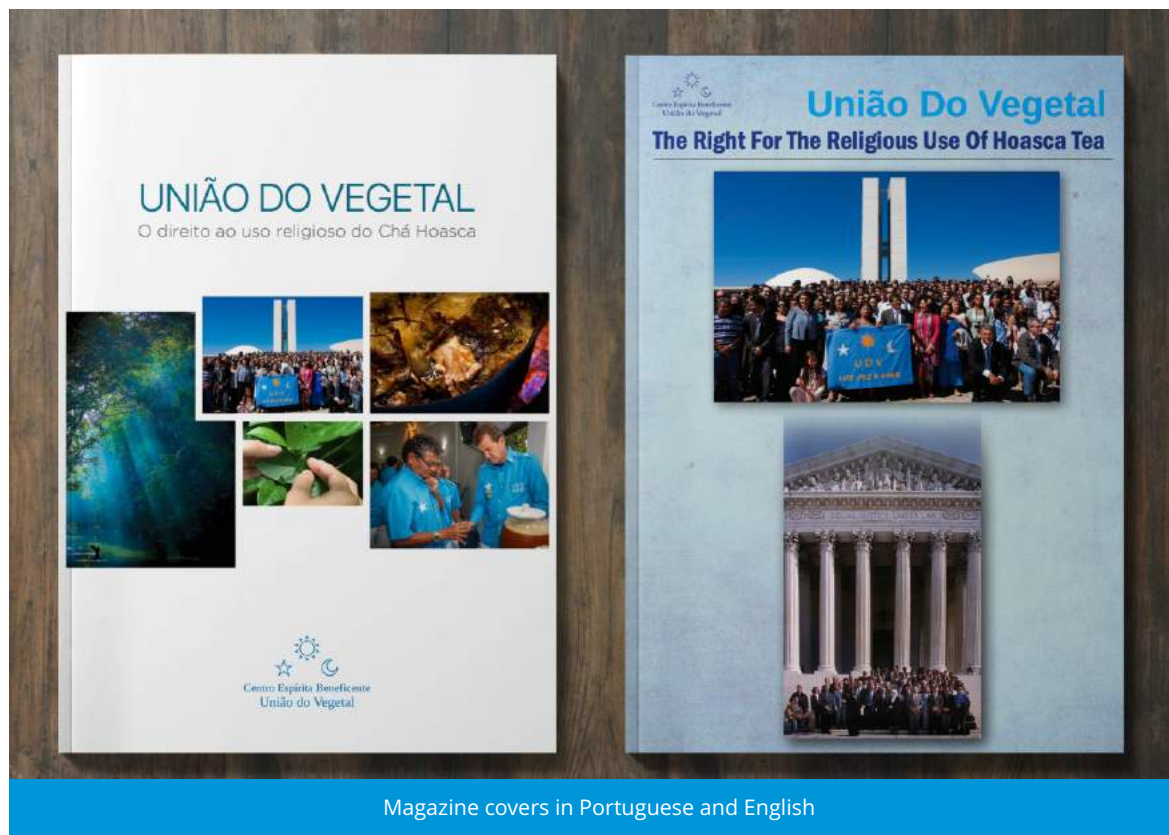
The President of the General Directorate, M. Tadeo Feijão, delivered a letter to the Secretary of the Receita Federal, Jorge Antônio Deher Rachid, requesting the regularization of shipments of Vegetal to Europe, through the Mail – since January, Customs at the Guarulhos airport has stopped the shipments without any legal justification.

The letter was delivered during a meeting in Brasília, on May 23rd, between the Secretary and the President of the General Directorate, the Assistant General Mestre responsible for the UDV internationally, Teodoro Irigaray, Congressman Wolney Queiroz, who is an associate of the Center, and the Secretary of the Commission for the Study of the International Expansion of the Center, Leonardo Pauperio.

Secretary Jorge Rachid was impressed with the material and the information that was given to him about the Center, requesting clarity from his advisors as well as from the agents from Guarulhos.

Bilingual institutional publication presents the UDV to foreigners

The necessity of presenting our religious institution to the authorities in the 11 countries where the UDV is located motivated the creation of the bilingual magazine (Portuguese/English), “União do Vegetal: the right for the religious use of Hoasca Tea”.



Magazine covers in Portuguese and English

In the publication, our society presents its religious and social practice with illustration and easily-understood language.

Among the topics covered in the magazine, we highlight: a) União do Vegetal as a Brazilian and international religious group; b) the right for the religious and responsible use of Hoasca Tea; and c) scientific evidence that the tea is harmless to the health.

The publication will be available to the associates through “Nossa Loja” (“Our Store”) on Mercado Inca (www.nossaloja.udv.com.br) beginning on July 22nd.

International study with respect to Hoasca

We are resending the link for access to the questionnaire in English, which gives access to the worldwide study “**Global Ayahuasca Project**”, with the recommendation for participation by the associates of the Center:

<https://www.globalayahuascaproject.org/survey/udv/en/>

www.udv.org.br